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1. ON APRIL 7, THE ETHIOPIA (AN AMHARIC PAPER PRINTED AT ASMARA) CARRIED AN ARTICLE LISTING THE 13 DEMANDS OF THE GOVERNORATE GENERAL STAFF WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED TO THE GOV GEN. THE DEMANDS, WHICH CENTERED ON NEPOTISM AND DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT/PROMOTION PRACTICES, ALSO REQUESTED THE DISMISSAL OF AN ASSISTANT ENDERASSIE, MEDHANIE JOSEPH. ATO MEDHANIE JOSEPH WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR THE U.S. NEXT WEEK AS AN IVP GRANTEE. THE GOV GENERALATE WORKERS WILL STRIKE TOMORROW IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT MET.

2. ANOTHER ARTICLE IN THE PAPER WRITTEN BY ATO MAMMO WODINEH RAISED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FISCAL PRACTICES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY. ONE ISSUE RAISED WAS THE ETH \$3 MILLION, 10 YEAR, TAX EXEMPTION FOR COTONIFICIO BARATTOLO. COMMENT: WHILE BARATTOLO'S COMPANY IS FAR FROM POPULAR, A STRICT INTERPRETATION OF TAX LAWS WILL HAMPER FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN ETHIOPIA.

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3. ON APRIL 5 THE ENLISTED PERSONNEL AT THE IEN BASE IN MASSAWA STAGED A ONE-DAY SIT-DOWN STRIKE. ON APRIL 8 IN MASSAWA POLICE ENLISTED PERSONNEL BEGAN ARRESTING THEIR OFFICERS. THIS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A MUNICIPAL WORKERS STRIKE.
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